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Before off-duty police shooting, Chicago officer had long complaint record. Should the city pay?

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Even before off-duty Chicago police officer Patrick Kelly fired a bullet into his friend Michael “Mikey” LaPorta’s skull, LaPorta’s family members wondered why Kelly still had his gun and badge.

LaPorta’s mother said Kelly, who had been LaPorta’s college roommate, regularly used racial slurs to describe suspects when he told stories about life on the beat. Once, he said he’d beaten a suspect so badly that he asked his partner to punch him in the face after the fact, so he could claim that the suspect had injured him first.

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